

LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 19, 2026 9:30 a.m.
2525 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808

The Board of Trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System held a regular meeting on February 19, 2026, at the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association, located at 2525 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. Andrew Shealy at 9:31 A.M.
Ms. Danielle Ball called roll.

Members Present

Mr. Scott Perrilloux
Mr. S. Andrew Shealy
Mr. J. Reed Walters
Mr. Brad Burget
Mr. Don Burkett
Mr. David Burton
Mr. Houston Gascon
Mr. Joseph Green
Representative John R. Illg Jr. (arrived at 11:09 A.M.)
Senator Kirk Talbot

Members Absent

None

A Quorum was present.

Others Present

Mr. Philip Qualls, Director
Ms. Danielle Ball, Benefits Supervisor
Mr. Jon Breth, Mariner Institutional
Mr. Greg Curran, Curran Actuarial
Ms. Laura Gail Sullivan, Legal Counsel
Michelle Cunningham, Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan, & Maher, LLP
Ms. Jennifer Pafiti, Pomerantz LLP, Virtual
Ms. Janalee, Pomerantz LLP, Virtual

2. Conflicts Disclosure

Mr. Walters disclosed a potential conflict with respect to discussion of rehire legislation under agenda item 10(c) and advised that he would abstain from voting on that item.

3. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of December 2, 2025

Motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Burget, to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

5. October, November, and December 2025 Financials

Mr. Qualls reviewed the October, November, and December 2025 financial activity. He noted expenses associated with travel residuals related to LAPERS, postage for member statements and the member newsletter, actuarial services related to the experience study presented in December, and audit expenses. Overall, revenues and expenditures were consistent with expectations.

Motion by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Green, to approve the October, November, and December 2025 financials. The motion passed with no opposition.

6. Retirement Activity

Mr. Qualls reported retirement activity requiring Board approval.

Motion by Mr. Gascon, seconded by Mr. Perrilloux, to approve the reported retirement activity. Without objection, the motion passed.

7. DARS Financial Audit Presentation – DHHM

Ms. Michelle Cunningham presented the System's financial audit and reported that the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion. They advised that no significant deficiencies in internal control and no instances of noncompliance having a material effect on the financial statements were identified.

The auditors reviewed the emphasis-of-matter paragraph noting that the net pension liability is based on actuarial assumptions and discussed management's responsibility for preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). They also reviewed required GASB reporting including fair value of investments, receivables, total pension liability, discount rate assumptions, and related schedules.

Discussion was held regarding the increase in fair value of investments, receivables including Orleans Parish ad valorem amounts collected after year end, increased benefit payments, and the System's funded status, which was reported at approximately 96.4 percent. Additional questions were addressed concerning census data testing, GASB standards, the agreed-upon procedures cycle, and factors affecting unfunded liability and future plan costs.

Mr. Shealy expressed appreciation to staff and advisors for the work reflected in the audit results and the System's funded position.

The Employer Pension Report can be viewed in its entirety via the DARS website.

Motion by Mr. Burget, seconded by Mr. Green, to accept and approve the DARS financial audit. The motion passed without opposition.

8. DARS Securities Litigation – Pomerantz LLP

Ms. Jennifer Pafiti of Pomerantz LLP presented an overview of the firm's securities litigation monitoring services provided to the System. She explained that the firm monitors portfolio holdings for potential losses attributable to financial misconduct and advises clients regarding recovery opportunities through securities class actions and related settlements.

Ms. Pafiti recommended moving from quarterly monitoring reports to monthly reports in order to create a more consistent paper trail for Board review. She advised that the service would continue at no additional cost to the system. She further reported that the current monitoring report reflected no losses in pending United States actions, though the firm was conducting an account audit to confirm full account coverage, and noted one potential antitrust settlement exposure that may require specialized claims filing support.

Ms. Pafiti also provided a general update on securities litigation trends, including lead plaintiff procedures, global action monitoring, the importance of claims filing oversight, and concerns regarding forced arbitration provisions in corporate bylaws. In response to Board questions, she stated that using multiple monitoring firms can be beneficial for diversity of opinion, but emphasized that quality of reporting and claims follow-through are more important than quantity.

No action was taken on this item.

9. Investment Report – Mariner Institutional

a. Market Commentary and DARS Performance Report

Mr. Breth reviewed fourth quarter 2025 market conditions and reported that both equity and fixed income markets produced positive results during the quarter and for the full 2025 calendar year. He noted continued strength in U.S. equities, strong performance from international equities during 2025 due in part to U.S. dollar weakness, and positive results across the bond market as interest rates declined.

Mr. Breth reviewed the System's fiscal year-to-date and calendar year performance, noting that total plan assets increased during the period and that January 2026 performance was also positive. He explained that the portfolio remained within policy ranges, that structured notes continue to roll off through maturities and calls, and that multi-sector fixed income managers benefitted from exposure to mortgages, corporate credit, and other higher-yielding sectors.

Mr. Breth also reviewed asset allocation considerations, including a potential reduction in mid-cap equity exposure, an increase in international equity, and reallocation of the structured note target into traditional fixed income. He discussed the effect of those changes on expected return and volatility and advised that any redlined investment policy revisions would be presented to the Board at a future meeting. Discussion was also held regarding private real estate as a possible future allocation; however, no action was requested or taken at this meeting.

b. Investment Manager Update

Motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Gascon, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investment matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Perrilloux, seconded by Mr. Green, to return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on this item.

10. Director's Report

a. Legislation for the 2026 Legislative Session

Mr. Qualls reviewed legislative matters for the 2026 Regular Session, including proposed legislation concerning trustee education requirements and legislation addressing rehire reporting and contribution treatment under La. R.S. 11:1631(F)(2). Discussion was held regarding the operational impact of potential changes, the use of state warrant funds for rehired retirees, employer contribution requirements, and the proposed sunset of certain provisions following actuarial review.

b. DARS Q2 Budget Review

Mr. Qualls reviewed the second quarter budget activity for the fiscal year and reported that revenues and expenditures were tracking generally in line with expectations.

c. Rehire La. R.S. 11:1631(F)(2) Report

Mr. Qualls reported on proposed revisions to the rehire statute and reviewed draft language intended to preserve the ability to use state warrant funds while adding reporting requirements and contribution obligations where applicable. The Board discussed whether employer contributions on warrant-funded compensation could be paid from local funds and requested that legal counsel conduct additional research on that issue.

Motion by Mr. Perrilloux, seconded by Mr. Burget, to leave the draft legislation substantially as presented, while removing the restriction on use of state funds and adding reporting requirements. Mr. Walters abstained. The motion passed with all others voting in favor.

11. Next Meeting

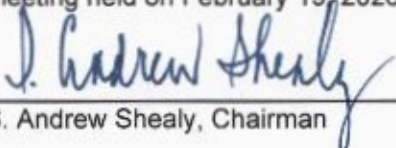
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 23, 2026.


12. Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Burget, seconded by Mr. Green, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without opposition, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

Mr. Qualls granted 1 hour of laws, rules, and regulations education credit, 1 hour of fiduciary education credit, and 1 hour of investment education credit for this meeting.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes accurately represent the actions taken at the meeting held on February 19, 2026.


S. Andrew Shealy, Chairman


Philip Qualls, Director